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Claims 17-19 are canceled. Claims 1-16 and 20 stand as originally filed.

In the office action, paper number (unspecified), dated December 28, 2004, (referred to hereinafter as "office action") the examiner allowed claims 1-16 and 20. The examiner rejected claims 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kastberg et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,191,480 (Kastberg). The examiner rejected claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kastberg in view of Perino et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,619,973 (Perino).

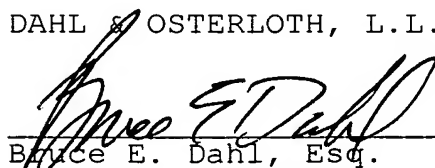
Re the Claims:

Claims 17-19 are canceled.

Applicant believes that all of the claims pending in this patent application are allowable. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests an early allowance. If any questions or issues remain to be resolved, the examiner is requested to contact the applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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